

FISCAL NOTE

SB 33

January 26, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a plaintiff to file a certificate of good faith within 90 days of the filing of a complaint for medical negligence. Defendants are required to file a certificate of good faith within 90 days of service of such complaint.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

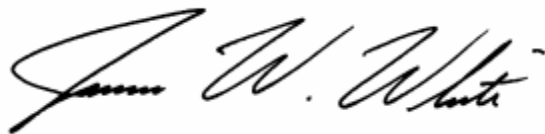
State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The filing of such certificates would reduce the amount of court time necessary to hear and decide motions to dismiss that are customarily filed in medical malpractice cases.
- There would be an adjudication of motions to determine whether good faith certificates were filed in violation of Rule 11, seeking sanctions against the opposing party that may be filed.
- Any increase or decrease in caseloads incurred by the state trial courts will not be significant. Any fiscal impact can be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director